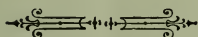


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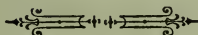


Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1894.



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Medical Officer of Health.

January, 1895,

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January 25th, 1895.

TO THE ASHBY WOULDs URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with the instructions of the Local Government Board, I beg to present you with my report for the period of my appointment as your Medical Officer of Health, during 1894.

For the better information of your Board and the maintenance of continuous records, I have as far as possible dealt with the whole year, but the returns of Births and Deaths relate only to the last quarter, as I have been unable to obtain complete returns for the year, in consequence of the long illness and sudden death of your late Medical Officer of Health.

Appended to this report are tabular statements of the births and deaths, and new cases of Infectious disease.

Births, Oct.,
Nov. Dec. 1894

The number of births have been 39 for October, November and December, 21 males and 18 females giving a birthrate of 11·64 per thousand of the population, estimated to the middle of 1893 as 3357. This would give an average birth-rate for the whole year of 46·5 which is no doubt too high.

Birth-rates

The birth-rates for the past four years have been

1890	-	-	-	35·13
1891	-	-	-	36·83
1892	-	-	-	36·13
1893	-	-	-	35·74

Deaths, Oct.
Nov. Dec. 1894

The deaths at all ages and from all causes for the same period have been 15,—11 males and 4 females, giving a death-rate of 4·48 per thousand of the population estimated to the middle of 1893 as 3357. Average death rate for the whole year 17·92.

Death-rates

The death-rates for the past four years have been

1890	-	-	-	12·72
1891	-	-	-	13·65
1892	-	-	-	15·79
1893	-	-	-	18·17

One death has occurred from scarlet fever, one from measles and one from erysipelas, secondary to hemiplegia, also one from rheumatic fever; no deaths have been caused by typhoid, smallpox, diphtheria, typhus, continued, relapsing, puerperal fever or membranous croup; there has been no death from whooping cough. Two inquests have been held during the above period, one through suicide by hanging, and one through death by burns.

Infectious
Disease
for whole year
Typhoid.

Infectious disease has been much more prevalent than during the previous year. In 1893—16 cases only were notified, this year there are 55. Of this number there are 17 cases of typhoid all of which occurred in the first four months of the year, namely six in Moira, ten in Woodville and one in Albert Village.

Scarlet Fever.

Scarlet Fever, which has been exceptionally prevalent in neighbouring districts, accounts for 26 cases or more than 50 per cent., of these 14 have occurred in Moira, 10 in Albert Village and Occupation Lane, and 2 in Woodville. There have been 9 cases of erysipelas, and 3 of diphtheria.

Isolation Hos-
pital.

Four cases all of scarlet fever, have been removed to the Isolation Hospital.

I may state here, that there is great disinclination amongst the poorer classes to allow removal to the hospital. If it were not for this, many cases of scarlet fever would be prevented. I feel sure, however, that the more the hospital is used, the less will be the objection to it, and when that objection is removed there will be a considerable lessening of the cases of this disease.

I regret I am unable to give the zymotic death rate for the year, for the reason stated at the commencement of this report.

Sanitary
Improvement.

During the year, 68 notices have been sent to owners and occupiers of property for the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drains, closets, cesspools and accumulations of offensive matter; 64 of these have been complied with.

Two samples of water have been examined and not condemned.

Two hundred and four closets, and ashpits have been systematically emptied under your authority. 32 new houses have been erected. 20 street lamps have also been added. 2 cases of overcrowding have been remedied.

Inspection.

I have systematically inspected portions of the district during the six weeks of my appointment in 1894; and personally visited the houses in which infectious disease have occurred. In company with your Sanitary Inspector I have visited the whole district and suggested improvements where necessary.

Scavenging

In the last Annual Report presented to you stress was laid upon the necessity for systematic cleansing of ashpits, dustbins, etc. in the more populous parts of the district. This recommendation has been carried out, and I find that the work is being thoroughly performed in Albert Village and Woodville.

Summary

As regards the Sanitary condition of the district at the close of the year, I regret to have to state that there is very little (if any) decrease in the prevalence of scarlet fever, but I am glad to say that there has been no case of typhoid fever notified since June 1st, and only one (mild) case of diphtheria since April 14th. These two last facts denote satisfactory improvement in the general Sanitary condition of your District.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

RODERIC LOGAN, M.R.C.S , ENG.

Medical Officer of Health.



